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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoshihiro AKASAKA, et al.

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FOR: LIQUID FUEL CELL DEVICE

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AA (US 5,599,638) on PTO Form 1449:**

This reference discloses a similar methanol fuel system, comprising a source of a water tank and methanol storage tank and a circulation tank. (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 and lines 24-30 of column 5)

**Reference AB (US 6,303,244) on PTO Form 1449:**

This reference discloses a similar methanol fuel system, comprising a source of a water tank and methanol storage tank and a circulation tank. (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 and lines 15-29 of column 21)

**Reference AP (JP 7-272738) on PTO Form 1449:**

This reference discloses a similar check valve system of gas line. (Fig. 2 and lines 2-44 of left upper portion of page 2)

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,599,638	02/04/97	S. SURAMPUDI, et al.			
	AB	6,303,244	10/16/2001	S. SURAMPUDI, et al.			
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	AO	7-272738	10/20/95	JAPAN			X
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<b>OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)</b>							
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